



**ROE**  
River Oaks Elementary  
IB World School

# ROE News

January 24, 2012

## LET US HEAR FROM YOU

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Did you know the difference between 97.5% and 99% equates to an additional \$35, 943 dollars in ROE's budget? The difference between 97.5% and 100% equates to \$59,905 more dollars for ROE. The bottom line

is that we are in control of our budget! Let's work together to meet our goal of 98%.

Dr. Keri Fovargue, Head of School

## CALENDAR ITEMS

February 8	PTO Board Meeting, 6-7pm in Library
February 11	Book Fair Fabulous Friends, 10am-3pm @ ROE
Feb 13-15	Book Fair, 7:30am-2:30pm @ ROE
February 15	Book Fair Family Night, 5:30-7:30pm @ ROE
Feb 20-24	Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week

## YEARBOOK LATE ORDERS UNTIL JAN 30

The regular order deadline for yearbooks has passed, but there is a grace period until **January 30, 2012** when yearbooks can still be purchased for a higher cost of \$40. We do not plan to have extra copies for sale in May.

Please email [yearbook@riveroakspto.org](mailto:yearbook@riveroakspto.org) with questions or to confirm that you have already ordered.

**Order online:** [www.roepto.org/yearbook](http://www.roepto.org/yearbook) or [www.Jostens.com](http://www.Jostens.com) - Personalization is available only with online orders.

**Order at school:** Drop off a check made out to "ROE PTO" and your child's name and homeroom teacher in the memo line. Please place the check in the yearbook locker in the kindergarten hallway.

Please consult: [www.roepto.org/yearbook](http://www.roepto.org/yearbook) for information on photo submittal or Spirit and Business Ads. Thank you!

## FROM THE DESK OF DR. FOVARGUE

As you may know, our attendance goal for elementary campuses in HISD is 98%. ROE is currently one of two schools meeting this goal. Here is some attendance history for our school:

School Year	ROE's Overall Attendance Rate
2011-2012	98%
2010-2011	97.8%
2009-2010	97.1%

Specifically, our trends are as follows:

Month	Rate
August	99.1%
September	98.2%
October	97.9%
November	97.6%
December	97.5%
January	98%

On the first day of school, we had 99.86% present. Our lowest rate occurred on November 22, 2011 at 93.91%. This year, we have already seen a 2% growth for our attendance rate; however, our lowest rates typically occur when families book trips the day before a holiday. Since money is tied to our attendance rate, it is important we save absences for true emergencies or illness-not vacations.

## TIKI TORCHES

Do you have some bamboo **Tiki Torches** that the book fair can borrow?

If so, label them with your name and please leave on the cafeteria stage by **February 1st**.

Also please volunteer to help at the book fair by emailing us at [book-fair@riveroakspto.org](mailto:book-fair@riveroakspto.org).

--Sandra Ahlhorn and Maryann Mueller

## NEARTOWN BASEBALL TRYOUTS

Nearstown Little League is for all boys and girls ages 5-12. Tryouts and Registration will take place on **Saturday, January 28** at Hilton Field for t-ball (10am), machine pitch (11am), minors (noon), and majors (1pm). Please visit their website for details: [www.nearstownlittleleague.org](http://www.nearstownlittleleague.org)

ROE parents Bill Truitt and Billy Marlin are Neartown coaches, and would be happy to answer any questions you have about Neartown baseball.

Bill Truitt: [williamtruitt@gmail.com](mailto:williamtruitt@gmail.com) / 713-865-6423 or Billy Marlin: [themarlinfamily@yahoo.com](mailto:themarlinfamily@yahoo.com) / 832-567-3567

## **ROE LUAU BOOK FAIR**

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**Luau Events:** Saturday, February 11 Fabulous Friends Day, 10:00am – 3:00pm. Wednesday, February 15: Family Night, 5:30pm – 7:30pm (Bring the family and join us!!)

**Hours:** Monday, February 13 and Tuesday, February 14, 7:30am-3:30pm and Wednesday, February 15 7:30am – 2:30pm.

Please contact Sandra Ahlhorn or Maryann Mueller ([book-fair@riveroakspto.org](mailto:book-fair@riveroakspto.org)) if you would like to volunteer.

## **SAVE THE DATE – ROE FAMILY CARNIVAL**

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Please mark your calendars for the ROE Family Carnival on **Saturday, March 31st** from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the ROE Playground.

Great food, games and entertainment for all to enjoy! Underwriting opportunities available on line at [www.riveroakspto.org](http://www.riveroakspto.org) or contact Carnival Chair and Development team at [development@riveroakspto.org](mailto:development@riveroakspto.org)

We look forward to another great event at ROE. More details to come. All volunteers welcomed and greatly appreciated.

--Max Shilstone, Carnival Chair  
[carnival@riveroakspto.org](mailto:carnival@riveroakspto.org)

## **DENTAL HEALTH POSTER CONTEST**

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Submit your entries for the Dental Health Month Poster Contest. The theme is "**ROCK YOUR SMILE!**"

Posters must be 12" by 18", if the poster is not the correct size it will be disqualified. Posters may be in the form of a slogan, picture or both and should depict the theme as illustrated in the student's own creative style. (No traced, copied, or commercial cut-outs will be accepted.)

There will be 2 categories for entries, Category 1 will include 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> grades, and Category 2 will include 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grades. I can submit 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winning posters in each category to Health and Medical Services where they will be picked up for judging by the Greater Houston Dental Society.

The deadline will be, **February 2** for submitting entries for consideration to me. White or gray art paper may be used as long as it is mounted on a correct size poster

--Jan Petner, RN

## **SAVE A LIFE HEART TRAINING**

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Save a Life Community Heart Training Day will be **Saturday, February 11**, at the Methodist Training Center, 8335 Lantern Point Drive, Houston 77054.

Participants will learn CPR and the Automatic External Defibrillator in a 4 hour session either from 8 am to 12 pm or from 1 pm to 5 pm. Cost is \$10, and parking is free but only pre-registered individuals will be allowed access to the Methodist Training Center. Participants must be 12 years old or older. Participants will receive Red Cross Certification in Adult CPR and AED use upon completion of the class.

The victim of a sudden cardiac arrest has a 50% to 75% chance of being resuscitated if a shock is administered to the heart within 5 minutes of collapsing. At this point, the lack of circulation begins causing irreversible damage to the most vital organs. The chance of a patient surviving a cardiac arrest decreases by about 10% a minute after collapse and chance of survival is minimal after 10 minutes.

Therefore, immediate intervention is essential. The American Red Cross, Texas Arrhythmia Institute and Methodist DeBakey Heart and Vascular Center have joined forces to offer this training day to the Houston community. For questions, call 832-667-5857 between 8 am and 5 pm or email [savealife@tmhs.org](mailto:savealife@tmhs.org).

## **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING FOOD DRIVE**

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Did you know that one in seven households in the United States is food insecure, which affects more than 16 million children? And did you know that the Houston Food Bank feeds over 137,000 different people each week and supports over 500 hunger relief agencies in southeast Texas?

That's why ROE is proud to announce that we are participating in the 2012 Souper Bowl of Caring to benefit the Houston Food Bank. During this event, the ROE Mini-UN and Scout Pack 46 will be collecting canned and non-perishable goods that will be donated to the food bank in order to support the thousands of families struggling to make ends meet. The items most in need are the following:

- Canned tuna or chicken
- Peanut butter
- Canned fruits, applesauce
- 100% juice cans/boxes
- Canned vegetables, tomatoes
- Soups with meat/beans
- Cereals and cereal bars
- Packages of dry beans
- Pasta, spaghetti, macaroni, noodles

Please bring any items you wish to donate to your child's teacher now through **February 1<sup>st</sup>**. We appreciate any and all support you can give for this wonderful cause!!!